

**WIC Nutrition Risk Factors Policy Revisions**  
**WIC and Nutrition Services**  
**4/06/16**

**Situation**

The WIC nutrition risk criteria policies are located in the WIC Operations Manual (WOM) on our website- <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wiclwp/wom/> The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has issued guidance on the revision of certain nutrition risk criteria. State Agencies are expected to implement these revisions by October 1, 2016. The attached policies are our nutrition risk revisions that will be included in our FFY 2017 State Plan.

**Background**

The Risk Identification and Selection Collaborative (RISC) reviews existing and proposed nutrition risk criteria and develop new criteria which are then submitted to FNS for final approval. Existing criteria are reviewed and revised on a cyclical basis (approximately every 5 years), utilizing a literature review process, to update the criteria information and references. In addition, criteria are revised, developed and/or deemed not allowable as a result of legislative changes, direct requests, literature reviews and/or when recommendations, guidelines, growth charts, etc. are issued/updated from professional entities (e.g., American Academy of Pediatrics) or other Federal agencies (e.g., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) that impact WIC nutrition risk assessment.

**Assessment**

Attached to this SBAR are the below policy additions and revisions. All additions are highlighted and anything being removed is struck through.

ER# 2.04350- Risk Factor 201 Low Hematocrit/Hemoglobin  
ER# 2.04400- Risk Factor 211 Elevated Blood Lead Level  
ER# 2.04465- Short Interpregnancy Interval  
ER# 2.04550- Guidelines for Assigning Dietary Risk Factors 401, 411, 425, 427, and 428  
Decision Trees for Risk Factors 411,425,427  
ER# 2.04610 Risk Factor 601 Breastfeeding Mother of Infant at Nutritional Risk  
ER# 2.04710 Risk Factor 602 Breastfeeding Complications or Potential Complications  
Risk Factor Summary Sheet for Participants

**Recommendation**

These policies have been submitted for review and discussion.